



The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

INTRODUCTION TO SYNTAX - 25150

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Hebrew Language

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Course/Module description:

The course will introduce basic concepts in syntax as applied to Hebrew texts.

Course/Module aims:

Familiarity with basic concepts in the syntax of Hebrew (with a focus on Modern Hebrew), from a descriptive, typological, and pre-theoretic perspective.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

*Define basic concepts in syntax.
Use syntactic terminology.
Analyze basic syntactic constructions in Modern Hebrew texts.*

Attendance requirements(%):

100

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: Concepts and examples will be introduced and discussed in class, accompanied by homework assignments for further practice.

Course/Module Content:

- What is syntax?
- Parts of speech
- Syntactic phrases
- Syntactic relations
- Sentence types (semantic and syntactic criteria)
- Syntactic ambiguity
- Syntactic valency (transitivity)
- Nominal sentences
- Word order and information structure

Required Reading:

See syllabus in Hebrew.

Additional Reading Material:

Encyclopedia of Hebrew language and linguistics (G. Khan, ed.), 2013, Brill: online access from campus.

Glinert, L. 1989. *The grammar of Modern Hebrew*. Cambridge University Press.

Jespersen, O. 1965. *The philosophy of grammar*. W. W. Norton.

Joüon, Paul and T. Muraoka. 2006. *A Grammar of Biblical Hebrew*. 2nd edition.

Rome: Editrice Pontificio Istituto biblico. [Syntax]

Waltke, Bruce K. and M. O'Connor. 1990. *Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax*.

Winona Lake, Indiana: Eisenbrauns.

אזר, משה. 1995. תחביר לשון המשנה. ירושלים: האקדמיה ללשון העברית, הוצאת הספרים של אוניברסיטת חיפה.

גושן-גוטשטיין, משה. 2006. תחבירה ומילונה של הלשון העברית שבתחום השפעתה של הערבית. ירושלים.

Rabin, Chaim. 2000. *The development of the syntax of post-biblical Hebrew*.

Leiden: Brill.

Course/Module evaluation:

End of year written/oral examination 80 %

Presentation 0 %

Participation in Tutorials 0 %

Project work 0 %

Assignments 20 %

Reports 0 %

Research project 0 %

Quizzes 0 %

Other 0 %

Additional information: